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OVER 63% COVID PATIENTS ARE ISOLATING AT HOME

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FAMILY REUNION: ELDERLY CASTAWAYS ARE BACK HOME

We've all heard of mobile phone thefts. Well, have you heard of stolen mobile towers? Perhaps you've heard of the bus shelter thieves then... Anyone?

STRANGER THIEVES

Some bizarre thefts took place during pandemic

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"We have to thoroughly investigate as to how a mobile tower and its accessories can be stolen.. — Police

Well, absurd, as it sounds, city police are on the lookout for a mobile tower along with its shelter, diesel generator and battery banks stolen from Sanjay Nagar during the pandemic.

Complainant Vekataraman, regional operations head of a private telecom firm off Queens Road, filed a private court complaint which directed jurisdictional Sanjay Nagar police to register a case of theft and investigate the matter.

The complaint said the firm had executed an agreement with the landlord on 5th Main, 8th Cross, Venkatappa Layout, Sanjay Nagar, that it would install a new mobile tower replacing the old one. According to the police, the old mobile tower was dismantled and taken away during the lockdown. During the pandemic, the firm was unable to carry out spot inspections when the tower was

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Wonder women of Bengaluru

In tech industry, there is a sharp decline in representation of women at mid-management level, say IT majors

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Here is some good news for women in tech. When it comes to retaining and promoting women to mid and senior level roles, IT giants are moving heaven and earth.

As of December 31, 2021, while Wipro had 36.6% women in its workforce, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) was quite close with 36% women employees.

TCS crossed the aspirational milestone of 200,000 women employees at the end of the third quarter. The company said the number of women executives at senior levels went up by 68% between 2016 and 2021.

"Over the last 18 months, while we have improved ethnic diversity in our senior leadership by 20%, gender diversity in the leadership has nearly doubled. When it comes to inclusion, we believe in walking the talk," said Sunita Rebecca Cherian, chief culture officer and senior vice president of human resources at Wipro Ltd.

To foster gender diversity and to retain women through middle management and leadership roles, IT giants are coming up

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Thoughts, handwritten

Hello from "Jeis:"!
Of late, I've been wondering what constitutes ancestry? / What is the lost lot of generations? How do we take a strange association with people separated from us by centuries of time?
An old flower in an older book had a way of answering me.
I didn't know where I found the flowers, or why I picked it off the floor from 1000s of others
but I guess.
I felt a connection
Random
Illogical
Strange.
But a connection nonetheless.
Maybe, I'd like to think that a long lost great grandma had dropped its seed centuries ago.
ME
YOU
FLOWER
SEED
WHAT IS A FAMILY BUT A SET OF FACES I'VE SHARED?

Imagine receiving a letter from an anonymous sender. Imagine replying to this letter. An exchange that takes place by India post. See-Saw – a collaborative initiative by Sandbox Collective and supported by Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore -- began as an exercise to see how we engage with the idea of the 'other'. This was an attempt to collectively reflect on themes of identity, prejudice, people and communities, and the results will be out on a website. The portal will have the 80+ artistic responses, notes and letters that were born from this exchange, courtesy the A 10-week artistic exchange between anonymously paired Bengaluru-based artists via snail mail.

When: sandboxcollective.org/see-saw
When: Jan 22 onwards

02 Bohemian canvas art

Amp up the walls in your home with bohemian canvas paintings or pages of your sketchbook with bohemian vibes by signing up for this online workshop. Create a set of five unique boho-style artworks inspired by the women of India & their beauty. This workshop will focus on making boho colour tones work with outline drawings & teach you how to frame your artworks.

Where: Online
When: Jan 22 – Jan 26, 2pm onwards
Tickets: Rs 1499, allevents.in

03 It's Organised Madness

Organised Madness is a five-piece band which mainly holds its roots in English electronic/ alternative rock. The band has performed numerous gigs over the years, and you can now watch them live. Join in with your gang for a great evening and let your hair down. Please note: All social distancing norms have to be strictly followed.

Where: Hard Rock Café, Ashok Nagar
When: Jan 20, 7pm onwards
Tickets: Free, bookmyshow.com

TOO COOL FOR ONLINE SCHOOL: STUDENTS, WATCH OUT, PLEASE

VTU colleges have to submit attendance; 75% attendance mandatory for taking exams

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VTU wants to penalise truant students with this move

The Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has asked its colleges to provide attendance of students – for online and offline classes – and some students are not too happy with the move.

Colleges need to submit the attendance details online to the varsity and later, the hard copy. The last date for fifth and seventh semester BE is January 28, 2022 while for third semester MTech and MBA is February 25, this year.

Sources said that the VTU wanted to take a tough action on the students bunking the online classes. Usually, 75 per cent attendance is required in the colleges for a student to be eligible to write exams. Now, VTU will decide whether it will make 75 per cent mandatory for the online classes for the upcoming exams (for which varsity is yet to announce dates).

A senior professor said, "For the last two years, offline classes have taken a big hit. Unfortunately, a section of students take online classes casually. Many students also log in initially and then log out. There are others who try to mute themselves or switch off their videos. Now, with VTU planning to make attendance of online classes count for exams, these students can no longer escape."

> **"Many students log in initially and then log out. There are others who try to mute themselves or switch off their videos**
> –a professor

However, students say that counting attendance for the online classes can be detrimental to the future. "Online classes are not a substitute for offline classes. My friends used to stay in a college hostel and were forced to move out during the initial days of the pandemic. We went back to our villages.

"The network connectivity is quite poor and many times, we miss out on classes. So, why should we pay the price for the service provider's mistake? If attendance is to be counted, online classes have to be discounted," said a third semester student.

A section of students argue that the third wave is very contagious.

"Many educational institutions and hostels have become Covid clusters. We feel that online classes can be the future as many ed-tech firms too are investing in the sector. So, this is the time when students should take up issue seriously," added another student.

A VTU official said: "The students should have 85 per cent of attendance considering both online and offline classes. During online classes, attendance for the students who have faced technical glitches and network problems shall be considered for the award of attendance.

"However, there is a provision for condonation of attendance to the extent of 10 per cent on the specific recommendations of the principal. The principals are requested to withhold the admission tickets of such ineligible students and bar them from holding examinations."

CM to re-examine Covid-19 protocols

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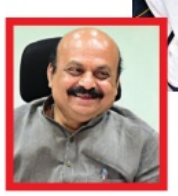
Marshals fine mask violators; (inset) CM Bommai is back in office

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai who had earlier tested positive for Covid has resumed his official activities, and will announce changes in Covid curbs on January 21.

"My quarantine is over and the test has also been done; it has come negative. So, from today I have decided to take part in day-to-day work from the office," he said.

The Chief Minister, who had tested positive for Covid on January 10, resumed work from office. Noting that he had held a virtual meeting with Deputy Commissioners of various districts on Tuesday, the Chief Minister said clear instructions have been given to district administrations to increase vaccination where the coverage is low, whether it is first or second dose, or precaution dose. Directions have been given to administer precaution dose among health and frontline workers at a fast pace.

Will weekend curfew be withdrawn?

Bommai on Wednesday said that his government will re-examine the Covid-19 curbs that are in place, and will take a decision regarding relaxation, including the weekend curfew on January 21. "On Friday, I will hold a meeting with experts, and will re-examine the curbs that have been enforced. The numbers are increasing, but it has not put a load on hospitals; attention should be given to OPD (Outpatient Department), with all this, let's see what experts have to say."

The CM maintained that all curfews and lockdowns will be decided after consulting experts and going through their report. He said based on the trends in different countries and states, experts have estimated that the cases may peak in the state by January-end and February first week.

To a question, why discussion on relaxing curbs when the cases are expected to peak, he said, "The general feeling that it (infection) is like a flu, and not much hospitalisation is taking place, so day-to-day activities can be allowed by following covid rules."

Revision of quarantine rules

The Health Department has revised the guidelines for testing, isolation and quarantine. For the general population, home isolation is released after seven days after testing positive and no fever for three preceding days and successive days and there is no need for a re-test.

(with inputs from agencies)

Covid test, now at your doorsteps

Palike launches mobile testing unit in South zone, health workers to conduct tests for free at citizens' homes

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In an attempt to take Covid-19 testing to doorsteps, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has started a mobile testing unit in the South zone, on a pilot basis.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta flagged off the mobile testing unit on Wednesday. The unit will be launched in 44 wards of the South zone and will be available 24x7. "It will be functional only on a call basis. Based on the call received in the South Zone war room, vehicles will be deployed to go to individual houses and perform Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) on the spot."

If the samples are positive, results are provided immediately and advice is given. If the person is positive for Covid or found negative with symptoms, the person will be directed to get an RT-PCR test.

Health workers collect samples from citizens at the unit

"The mobile testing unit is aimed at bringing it closer to people's homes. It will be done free of cost and initially, it has started in one ward. We have asked them to station in permanent locations so that citizens can easily access it. Currently, we have one vehicle that will go around the south zone and based on the response, they are willing to commit more vehicles," said BBMP Special Commissioner (Health), KV Trilok Chandra.

The unit will have a driver and a paramedic who will conduct the Rapid Antigen Test.

The initiative has been launched in collaboration with Zerodha, Mantra4Change and Surya Foundation who have donated a Mobile Testing Unit for the South Zone. The six Covid Care Centres in the South Zone have been provided 100 N95 masks, 300 PPE kits, 500 test kits, 15 thermal scanners and 220 litre of sanitiser.

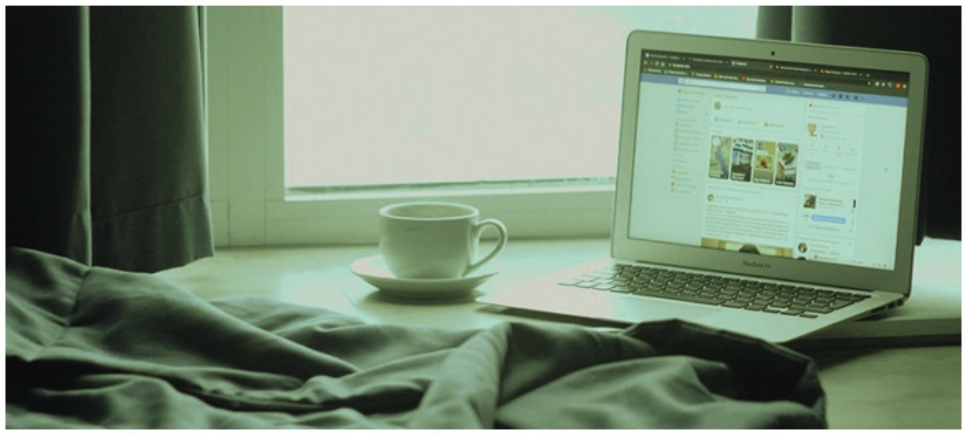
Based on the success of this model, BBMP will also consider implementing in the other seven zones.

1,000 people testing positive every hour

Around 1,005 people are testing positive every hour in the city while 1,687 are testing positive in the state every hour. On Wednesday, Bengaluru reported 24,135 cases while Karnataka reported 40,499 and 21 deaths, taking the tally to 33,29,199. The TPR is around 22 per cent.

> **Based on the call received in the war room, vehicles will be deployed to individual houses and perform RATs**
>
> –Gaurav Gupta, Chief Commissioner, BBMP

63% Bengalureans in home-isolation



Bengaluru Urban is reported to have the highest number of home-isolation cases

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With covid cases continuing to surge in the city, the good news is that over 63.06 per cent of the covid patients are in home-isolation, as per data accessed by Bangalore Mirror from the Health Department.

So far 1,52,456 home isolation cases have been reported in the state, among which, Bengaluru Urban has recorded the highest number of home isolation cases (93,559), constituting to 62.59 per cent cases of the overall active cases in the city. The state has now decided to give it home isolation kits to the covid-positive cases who are isolated in the hospital.

In Hassan district, with over 8,000 plus active cases, 5,559 cases are reported as home isolation cases; the average home-isolated patients coming to 64.59 per cent in the district. Similarly, Mysuru as well has more than half the number of patients in home isolation: the active cases so far are 11,000 plus cases, with 6,727 patients in home isolation, constituting to 60.52 per cent. Over 10,905 active cases are in Tumakuru, while 6,596 are in home isolation, with a total of 60.48 per cent admitted.

In Dharwad, among the 5,000 plus active patients, 3,117 are in home isolation constituting to 62.34 per cent of the total cases.

> **Hospitalisations have been comparatively low. We will give self-test kits to home-isolated patients**
>
> –Randeep D, Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare

Randeep D, Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare said: "The number of covid cases have been mild so far and many are in home isolation. The hospitalisations have been comparatively less. We have decided to give self-test kits to the home-isolated patients. Soon we will have it started in Bengaluru. Right now, the situation is under control and people should continue following all the covid-appropriate behaviour."

As per the state's data, only 112 covid patients are in ICU ventilator and 297 in ICU beds, the number of patients admitted for oxygen beds are 935 and general beds with 3451 admissions.

A doctor from a private hospital said: "The number of teleconsultations is higher than the hospital admissions. Many are home-isolation patients and are recovering well. They have mild symptoms and have been recovering well."

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Delivery personnel block Indiranagar residents' path

They allege agents parking their vehicles on footpaths while waiting for their orders, resulting in overcrowding during covid times

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Two-wheelers parked outside the delivery store on CMH Main Road in Indiranagar

Residents of Indiranagar are not entirely impressed with a particular delivery service as their delivery partners are allegedly parking their vehicles on footpaths while waiting for their orders.

The delivery service has become synonymous with quick deliveries in the city and has been able to impress citizens across the city. However, the popularity is leading to a number of their delivery agents waiting outside the company's warehouse store in Indiranagar to meet the high-speed demand.

According to residents, ever since the delivery service's store came on CMH Main Road, the footpath has been parked with delivery bikes. "Following their business model to deliver groceries in 10 minutes, delivery boys have their bikes parked on the footpath all the time. At any given time, at least 25-30 bikes are found parked on the footpath" said Sneha Nandihal, president of BM Kawal RWA.

While most delivery boys tend to budge when residents raise an is.sue, they note that delivery partners of this particular service are not cooperative.

> **The deliverymen should not be allowed to hang out in such a manner. The store should make alternate arrangements**
>
> –Vani, resident of Indiranagar

Reportedly, after a complaint raised by the residents, SI Kavitha instructed the delivery boys to remove their vehicles. In retaliation, the delivery partners allegedly made videos of the officer leading to a complaint at the Law and Order police station. Accordingly, an FIR was filed at the station.

Residents note that the 24x7 store has a basement and they don't understand the requirement for them to park on footpaths.

They also added that surrounding the vehicles will be the delivery boys waiting to receive their orders. "In a covid atmosphere, it's not safe to have so many people gathered in one area. They should not be allowed to hang out in such a manner and the store should make alternate arrangements," said Vani, a senior citizen from the area.

The area is mostly surrounded by senior citizens who often use footpaths to go to the retail shops. With the vehicles parked on the footpaths and the cars parked close to them, they find themselves forced to walk on the road. Right next to the store is a diagnostic centre that sees a lot of footfall. Patients walking into the centre also face difficulty entering the store. "As a senior citizen, it's becoming difficult for citizens to walk on footpaths and there is no concern for the residents," said Vrunda, another senior citizen affected by the issue.

Of stolen towers, bus shelters & road rollers

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being installed, but subsequently learnt the entire mobile tower, shelter, diesel generator and battery banks were stolen.

The aforementioned telecom firm had reported another mobile tower missing in Yeshwantpur, preliminary inquiries revealed. "We have to thoroughly investigate as to how a tower and its accessories can be stolen," the investigating officer told BM.

Subramanyanagar police, meanwhile, are in search of an earthmover stolen from in front of its owner's house on the intervening night of last Wednesday January 12 and Thursday January 13. Based on a complaint by JCB owner Ramamurthy (41), police registered a case of theft and are claiming to have definite leads about the thieves.

Ramamurthy had parked his JCB opposite to Bank of India on RP Road in Milk Colony on the night of January 12. "My earthmover was very much there during the night, but when I went for my morning walk around 4:00 am next day, the JCB was not there," Ramamurthy told Bangalore Mirror.

Police verified CCTV footage and found Ramamurthy's JCB heading towards Sunkadakatte. Ramamurthy had purchased the 2012 model earthmover for around Rs 7 lakh.

Police also said they had to verify if there were any financial disputes between Ramamurthy and others who might have taken away the JCB.

This is not the first time such bizarre thefts have occurred in Bengaluru. In June 2021, Chandra Layout police registered a case of theft of a road roller from an open ground near 80 feet road in Nagarabhavi. Owner Selvaraj, a resident of Arundati Nagar near Chandra Layout, was stranded due to lockdown in Tamil Nadu, where he had gone to attend a relative's last rites. As there were no claimants for the road roller that was then parked in open ground unattended, a realtor's son identified by the police as Vinay eyed the vehicle which he thought he could sell as iron scrap. Police said the thief brought two cranes and took the road roller in a truck to Seegehalli off Magadi Road, where it was dismantled into three pieces: eight tonnes of iron worth Rs 28 per kg. After Selvaraj returned and filed a complaint, the police analysed the CCTV footage. Soon, the cops traced the broken road roller to Seegehalli and seized the vehicle.

> **A bus shelter on New BEL Road in Sadashivanagar police station limits was stolen in 2018**

In a similar strange case, a 10-year-old bus shelter on New BEL Road in Sadashivanagar police station limits was stolen in August 2018. The theft came to light when a BBMP executive engineer arrived for a spot inspection after a resident complained that the entire metal structure of the bus shelter including the roof portion had gone missing. The engineer himself filed a complaint of theft thereafter. Soon after, police learnt that this was the second if not the third such case in a matter of a few months where bus shelters on Laggere Ring Road in Nandini Layout and another bus shelter in BTM Layout were stolen. However, there's been no progress in the investigation as the cops could not trace any of the stolen bus shelters.

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Fix it soon!
Malleswaram

A broken pavement and road at 5th Cross in Malleswaram is causing inconvenience to pedestrians. The issue needs to be fixed soon to avoid mishaps.

Danger pit
Banashankari

An open ditch lying in Banashankari 3rd Stage on Outer Ring Road poses a serious threat to motorists and pedestrians. The pit with no barricades gets dangerous at night. The repair work has to be quickly completed as the road is also quite narrow.

Broken paths
Malleswaram

The pavement on Sampige Road in Malleswaram is damaged and this has to be immediately repaired. This is a busy shopping area and further damage could cause inconvenience to shoppers using the pavement.

Mid-air close shave: DGCA to probe, take strict action

The issue of Indigo's two domestic flights narrowly escaping mid-air collision will be investigated by the aviation watchdog Director General of Civil Aviation. The incident of a serious safety breach was reported to India's aviation regulator DGCA and a team under DGCA Director General Arun Kumar was constituted for a thorough investigation. "We are investigating and shall take the strictest action against those found delinquent," Kumar said.

Indigo Airlines declined to comment on the incident. According to officials, a close shave of two Indigo flights from Bengaluru to Kolkata and the other from Bhubaneswar shows negligence and miscommunications between radar operators and ATC officials, because two aircraft can't operate on the same air path. "On January 7, two IndiGo flights 6E 455 (Bengaluru - Kolkata) and 6E 246 (Bengaluru - Bhubaneswar) were involved in breach of separation at Bangalore airport," DGCA official told ANI.

"Both runways were in use, the official on shift decided for single Runway operations i.e. North Runway for arrival and departure, South Runway will be closed but it was not communicated to the South tower controller. South tower controller gave departure to 6E 455 Kolkata bound aircraft and at the same time

Official says 2 flights came dangerously close due to a lack of communication between radar controllers and ATC officers at the time of incident

North tower controller gave departure to 6E 246 Bhubaneswar bound aircraft without coordination," DGCA official further said.

A prima facie report stated that "the incident occurred due to a lack of communication between radar

controllers and ATC officers at the time of the incident," according to investigators. The Indigo flights of Airbus had hundreds of passengers on board. The report suggested that the two planes took off for their designated destinations and had an instant face-off in mid-air at an altitude of over 3,000 feet in the skies over Bengaluru. **— Agencies**

Family get-together

2 senior citizens who lost their way reunited with their families

Venkateshappa with his family at the destitute home; (inset) Krishnappa

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In a bid to conduct their regular destitute residual drives, the city traffic police helped two families to reunite with their long-lost loved ones from the destitute shelter on Tuesday.

Family members of two senior citizens, Krishnappa and Selvaraj, learnt about the drive and visited the shelter when they were in tears to find their loved ones there.

Following three to four fatal accidents involving destitutes in separate incidents, in Yelahanka on January 11, the DCP traffic North Savitha S carried out a special drive to rescue destitutes in the North division to prevent them from getting involved in accidents.

A family members of Krishnappa (80), a resident of Yelahanka, who had gone missing last week, said: "We had been searching for him everywhere and had even approached the police. We did not know where he was and where he went. As he is old, he could not remember his way back home and he had somehow reached Devanahalli from where the traffic police rescued him and sent to the shelter." They added, "We learnt about the police carrying out the drive and sending them to Home of Hope. We contacted the police and visited the shelter."

DCP Traffic North, Savitha S said, "We have a 30.9 kilometre stretch of highway where a lot of these destitutes were found jaywalking and some were killed in accidents. We wanted to carry out an awareness drive for pedestrians, asking them to use underpasses and skywalks

"We did not know where he (Krishnappa) was and where he went. As he is old, he could not remember his way back home

–Krishnappa's family member

for their safety. We also decided to rescue these destitutes so that they don't die on the streets and provide them with shelter. In many unnatural death cases, we could not identify the deceased as they were destitutes and many had died due to hunger or cold."

She said that on Tuesday, two families visited the destitute home and identified their family members. "Both senior citizens were reunited with their family and we hope that others too find their way back home," she added.

NCB busts inter-state drug network

The Narcotics Control Bureau's (NCB) Bengaluru Zonal Unit has busted a drug trafficking network dealing with multiple drugs in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and arrested four people including a Nigerian national.

On January 17, the NCB said it seized drugs such as 84 grams of cocaine, 40 grams of MDMA, small quantities of hashish and ganja at Electronic city, Bengaluru from the possession of a Nigerian national and three peddlers.

All four were apprehended in Bengaluru. "The peddlers were from Chennai and had come to Bengaluru to purchase drugs.The multiple drugs procured from the Nigerian national was meant for selling in hotels, pubs and colleges in Chennai and other parts of Tamil Nadu," NCB said. The Nigerian supplier, NCB said, was "not only seasoned in supplying drugs but also an expert cook in teaching his buyers about various mixes and ways to improve potency of drugs, so that they can feel the high."

The peddlers from Chennai are known suppliers of multiple drugs in Chennai and Tamil Nadu and are habitual offenders, already involved in NDPS cases registered in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, NCB official informed. "NCB, Bengaluru Zonal Unit has effectively neutralised one of the major drug syndicates by arresting Nigerian suppliers and the Chennai peddlers,which were operating in the state of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala," the official said.

Training for BCom and MBA students

KPMG in India with Masters Union, have created a one-year part time course that aims to train Bcom, BBA and MBA students/pass-outs for finance jobs in Big 4s, MNCs and startups.

These courses will be fully taught by Directors and Partners of KPMG in India, while also offering a 6-month virtual internship helping students to make a career in the finance industry .

HAL soon to export helis to Mauritius

In line with the central government's vision to boost defence exports to friendly foreign countries, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has signed a contract with the Government of Mauritius for export of one Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH Mk-III) for the island nation's police force.

With this contract, HAL and the Government of Mauritius, which already operates an HAL-built ALH and Dornier-228 aircraft, have further strengthened the long-standing business relations spanning over three decades, the Bengaluru-headquartered company said in a statement on Wednesday.

The contract was signed by General Manager, Helicopter Division-HAL, B K Tripathy, and Secretary of Home Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Government of the Republic of Mauritius, O K Dabidin at HAL's Transport Aircraft Division in Kanpur, it said.

The ALH Mk-III is a multi-role, multi-mission versatile helicopter in 5.5 tonne category, according to HAL. "It has proven its mettle in various utility role including numerous life-saving missions during natural calamities in India and abroad", the statement said. **— PTI**

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With cops like these, the robbers stood no chance

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In two cases, cops swung into action immediately after robberies and managed to nab culprits within minutes of the crime, seize all the booty back

Crime constable Manjunath Halawar, traffic constable Umesh Bangari

Good policework has come to the notice of state police top brass, Praveen Sood. Swift action policing tactics adopted by the Hubballi-Dharwad and the Mangaluru police commissionerates where the men on duty managed to nab culprits within minutes after the offences being committed has earned Sood's praise. As the culprits were caught so soon, the entire robbed booty was recovered too. The State DG-IGP congratulated his men for their commendable work and heroic deeds and wished that their tribe increase.

It was a regular weekday of work on Tuesday at the SBI Bank Branch on Koppikar Road that falls under the Hubballi town police station limits. A man in his early thirties had entered the bank in the afternoon and brandished a knife at a woman bank employee, a teller at the bank and demanded that she put all the cash that she had on the table in his bag. The woman who got scared screamed her lungs out when the bank manager rushed to her help. The criminal now brandished the knife at the manager and demanded he help the woman fill his bag with the money. They had filled Rs 6.39 lakh inside his bag when he started to take back his bag and move out of the bank.

There were several others customers who were hurling abuses at the bank robber and as the time he whisked his way out onto the Koppikar Road, a traffic police constable on duty named Umesh Bangari and a crime constable attached with the Suburban police station named Manjunath Halawar, who had come for some work in the vicinity, noticed something unusual that required their intervention. Within minutes, they learnt that it was a bank robbery and the man was trying to flee the spot with a bag. The two policemen pursued the man, gave him a hot chase and nabbed him within less than 20 minutes he committed the crime. The policemen duo also recovered the bag with the entire money of Rs 6.39 lakh from him after which they informed the police control room that they have nabbed the culprit. The cops then took the accused in an auto-rickshaw and took him to the nearby Town police station where a case of robbery was registered against him. The entire incident of him threatening the bank staff and brandishing a knife at the woman teller and the bank manager had been recorded by the CCTV cameras at the bank. "It was in a matter of minutes when both of our constables gave a hot chase and nabbed the culprit. Had the accused escaped, it would have been difficult to recover the robbed money as he would have blown it on his vices. Preliminary inquiries reveal that the accused is a first-time offender and decided to rob the bank as he had loans to clear," a senior police officer Anand Vanakudre told Bangalore Mirror.

In another similar incident, a police constable attached to the Commissioner's office in Mangaluru managed to chase a mugger and pinned him down on a busy road after he had robbed a victim of his mobile and cash. Varun, an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) had just come out onto the road from the police commissioner's office when he noticed a man running away from another man after he had snatched something from him. Varun chased him down the busy road and managed to pin him down in full public glare and apprehended him along with his mugged booty. The ASI recovered the stolen mobile and Rs 150 that he had robbed from a granite tile layer. The accused has been identified as Harish Pujari in his late thirties, who was taken in an auto-rickshaw to the Pandeshwar police station also known as the South Mangaluru police station on Wednesday. There was one more associate identified by the police as Rajesh who was with Harish Pujari, but he managed to escape. Both of them had accosted their victim, a granite tile layer and robbed him of his phone and cash, a senior police officer said. Both the cases were more or less open and shut cases with accused apprehended and also stolen booty recovered - cakewalk cases for the cops.

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5G scare: 8 US flights cancelled

#NEW DELHI

Air India cancelled eight flights on India-US routes from Wednesday onwards due to deployment of 5G internet in North America which could interfere with aircraft's navigation systems. Meanwhile, DGCA chief Arun Kumar said the Indian aviation regulator was working "in close coordination with our carriers to overcome the situation" that has arisen due to 5G deployment in the US.

US aviation regulator Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had on January 14 said that "5G interference with the aircraft's radio altimeter could prevent engine and braking systems from transitioning to landing mode, which could prevent an aircraft from stopping on the runway".

Altimeter measures height of aircraft above ground. The band on which it works is close to that on which 5G system works. **–PTI**

Brother of Bipin Rawat joins BJP

#NEW DELHI

Col Vijay Rawat (retd), younger brother of India's late first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Bipin Rawat, joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday.

He joined the saffron party in the presence of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, state in-charge and BJP national general secretary Dushyant Gautam, national media in-charge Anil Baluni and Uttarakhand BJP president Madan Kaushik.

According to sources, Col Rawat might contest the upcoming assembly elections in Uttarakhand. Col Rawat said after retiring from the Army, his father also joined the BJP, and he decided to join the party as he was influenced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's programmes and policies.

Economists downplay the Omicron effect

Stress Centre should focus on fiscal prudence in February budget

#BENGALURU

There is scant downside risk to the Indian economy in the last months of this financial year from the Omicron coronavirus variant, according to economists polled by Reuters who said New Delhi should focus on fiscal prudence in its February budget. Asia's third-largest economy is in the midst of a resurgence in coronavirus cases driven by the new variant that has forced most states to impose localised restrictions. The Jan. 11-18 poll of over 45 economists forecast 5.0% economic growth this quarter, a sharp downgrade from the 6.0% given in December, finishing the year at 9.2% compared with 9.5% in the previous month's poll.

But nearly two-thirds of those responding to an additional question, 21 of 32, said there was limited downside to the outlook for the rest of this fiscal year which ends in March. Nine said it was at risk of downgrades, and two said it was prone to upgrades. The median growth projection for the next fiscal year was upgraded to 8.0% from 7.5% a month ago. "The current phase of restrictions is not as harsh as it was during the previous waves. So, I think Omicron and the economic damage it inflicts is a Jan-March story and will only be limited to this fiscal year," said Madhavi Arora, lead economist at Emkay Global Financial Services.

Arora reckons the first quarter of the next financial year starting in April will get an extra boost once the third wave passes, assuming it does.

The latest poll also estimated economic growth at 14.7% for the same quarter. Inflation was expected to peak at 5.8% this quarter and then fall, remaining under the Reserve Bank of India's 6.0% upper threshold until at least the end of fiscal 2023-24, taking pressure off the Bank for future interest rate rises.

Laborers work at a road project construction site in Mumbai

> **"The current phase of restrictions is not as harsh as it was previously. So, I think the economic damage Omicron inflicts is a Jan-March story**
> –Madhavi Arora, economist

India's finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the country's 2022/2023 federal budget on Feb. 1, providing new targets for government spending, tax receipts, economic growth and fiscal deficits.

When asked what the government should focus on, 16 of 23 respondents said fiscal prudence rather than expansion, despite pandemic-related risks.

"India and other emerging markets will have to start thinking about consolidating their COVID-19 year budget deficits in a global monetary environment where the U.S. Fed is starting to normalise policy," said Miguel Chanco, senior Asia economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

"We are expecting quite aggressive tightening from the Fed this year and that is going to raise borrowing costs not just for India but for most EMs." The country's federal fiscal deficit surged to 135.1% in the April-November period of the last financial year but in the current year it narrowed to 46.2% for the same period, helped by a rise in tax collections. The fiscal deficit target for next financial year was predicted to be 6.0%, and 5.5% for FY 2023/2024, both lower than this year's 6.8%.

"They will be conservative with spending and revenue projections," said Robert Carnell, head of Asia Pacific research at ING.

— Prerana Bhat & Tushar Goenka, Reuters

How women work tech wonders

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with various programmes to engage women employees.

"We have a series of initiatives to foster gender diversity. We have discussion circles to help women through major life stages, re-orientation programmes to reconnect employees after long leaves, and interactions with inspirational women leaders. To equip mid-level managers to work with diverse teams, we have several learning modules. Our special leadership development programmes for high-performing women managers such as ImaginAll and iExcel are helping us address their needs and aspirations," said a TCS spokesperson.

IT majors are taking steps to bridge the gender gap

The company declared that 96% of the women workforce come back after maternity leave or childcare leave as they stay connected with the technological transformations, and cultural shifts at the company through various policies and programmes.

According to IT majors, across industries, and more so in tech, there is a sharp decline in the representation of women at the mid-management level. This phenomenon of the 'broken rung' creates ripple effects and adversely impacts representation of women at leadership levels.

'Begin Again' and 'Women of Wipro (WoW)' are some initiatives taken up by Wipro to bridge this gender gap.

"Many women take a break from their careers for different reasons. It's important for organisations to view them for their talent and skills and look beyond breaks. Through this programme, we build a strong pipeline of leaders and create a learning space for all women who aspire to build a career in tech. The WoW framework is a unique life-stage based approach that recognises the needs and expectations of women at different stages of life," said Sunita.

"Over the years, we have introduced several initiatives for women including focused mentoring programmes, behavioural development programmes, structured upskilling initiatives for women in technology. We are working towards creating an ecosystem of support to enable women to return from breaks," she added.

SPORT

'Body is wearing down': Sania to retire

#MELBOURNE

Trailblazing India tennis star Sania Mirza on Wednesday announced that she will hang up her racquet at the end of 2022 season as her body is "wearing down" and the motivation and energy for everyday grind is not the same anymore.

Winner of six Grand Slam titles, including three mixed doubles trophies, Sania will retire as India's most accomplished woman tennis player.

The 35-year-old made the retirement announcement after losing the Australian Open women's doubles first round with partner Nadiia Kichenok. They lost to Slovenia's Tamara Zidansek and Kaja Juvan.

"There's a bunch of reasons for it. I do feel my recovery is taking longer and considering my son is three years old, I do feel I am putting him at risk by travelling so much with him. Unfortunately the pandemic is making us take certain decision for the well-being of ourself and family," Mirza said at the post-match press conference.

"Also, my body is wearing down. My knee was really hurting today and I'm not saying that's the reason we lost but I do think that it is taking time to recover as I'm getting older," she said.

Sania, who became world number one in doubles during her successful partnership with Swiss legend Martina Hingis, said there were a certain issues that influenced her decision. "Also for me to find that motivation everyday to come out, the energy is not the same anymore. Right this minute, it's there but there are days where I don't feel like doing that. "I've always said that I will play until I enjoy that grind, the process and not just winning but you have to enjoy the process and I am not sure I'm enjoying it anymore.

"I am enjoying it enough to play this season. I've worked very hard to come back, get fit, lose the weight and try to set a good example for mothers, new mothers to follow their dreams as much as they can. Beyond this season, I don't feel my body doing it. It's beat," said the world number 68.

She reached top-30 in singles with 27 being her career best rank. Sania quit singles after a wrist injury to focus on doubles. **–PTI**

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DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

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Dark secrets of chocolate

Dark chocolate offers various health benefits compared to regular milky and sugary versions

We all love chocolate. Whether stress eating or for the sake of indulgence, devouring chocolate bars is our guilty pleasure. If you get away with this crime by touting the benefits of chocolate, think again. Why? Because it's milk chocolate that you're most likely bingeing on. Plot twist: It's only dark chocolate that actually offers some health-boosting benefits against the regular sugary and milky chocolate."Dark chocolate with higher cocoa levels is more antioxidant- and nutrient-rich," says nutrition expert and certified diabetes educator Rashi Chowdhary. "One of the main reasons people tend to sway towards dark chocolate is the low sugar content which makes it a great option for people with high blood sugar levels. So, always pick one with 70 per cent or higher cocoa levels to get the most benefits," she adds. Let's dive into the virtues of dark chocolate and explore its benefits for health.

A rich source of antioxidants
Dark chocolate is a super-rich source of antioxidants since it contains elements like polyphenols, catechins, flavonols and more, making it a great booster for both skin and overall health.

Improves brain function
Your brain is constantly thinking and processing information. It can get tired, stressed and grumpy easily. All you need to do is grab a small piece of dark chocolate and you'll instantly begin to feel better. Dark chocolate stimulates blood flow to your brain, which in turn betters its cognitive functioning. It also helps with better concentration, focus and memory.

Regulates Cholesterol And Blood Pressure
Cholesterol and blood pressure are two driving forces that can make or break our health. Dark chocolate discourages the oxidisation of LDL (bad cholesterol) without interfering with that of HDL (good cholesterol). Additionally, it also boosts blood circulation across the body, keeping the blood pressure in check.

Aids with diabetes
"Eating dark chocolate could also help in the reversal of mitochondrial dysfunction, which is an important aspect when one is trying to control diabetes. Many are not aware of the fact that chocolate contains a compound called epicatechin that could be used to treat and prevent diabetes by strengthening the mitochondria of the beta cells that release insulin," explains Chowdhary. "This also helps in increasing muscle capacity, metabolism and promotes a late onset of fatigue."

Helps maintain skin health
Eating dark chocolate (in moderation, of course) is a great way to maintain the quality of your skin. It has anti-inflammatory properties, is packed with antioxidants and contains caffeine. When you combine all these factors, you'll realise that the confection stands as an effective antidote to sun damage and all the concerns it spurs like pigmentation, dullness and more.

How to pick the right dark chocolate?
"When you're buying dark chocolate, check the label for cocoa percentage, sugar content and whether your chocolate is made from cocoa butter or not. Most labels will have two ingredients, cocoa butter and sugar. If your chocolate label specifies other fats like vegetable oil or artificial sweeteners then the product might not necessarily be chocolate but a product 'made with chocolate," says Chowdhary.

She cautions, also, about checking if your chocolate is preservative-free and has no added flavour. Another important thing is to avoid dark chocolate which has been alkalised, a process used to make the chocolate less bitter and one that rips off all the nutrient benefits. This is usually seen on the label as 'chocolate processed with alkali'.

MIRRORLIGHTS

Green tea masks, the secret to glowing skin

When others hear green tea, they think of a warm cup of soothing tea but when skincare and beauty freaks hear green tea they instantly think of clear, breathable and healthy skin. Green tea has been an ingredient of paramount importance in the world of skincare for it can provide a plethora of benefits to the skin.

"This wonder ingredient is an antioxidant that has an enormous number of therapeutic properties that improve overall skin health – i.e, polyphenols that are anti-inflammatory & antimicrobial, catechins like EGCG and ECG that fight off free radicals, vitamins like B-2 that maintain collagen levels and vitamin E that nourish & hydrate," shares Sonali Devarkar, Formulator, Plum.

"Green tea is the perfect ingredient for a tea-tox," she adds. Packed with skin-benefiting nutrients, green tea is one ingredient that also suits all skin types and has something to offer for everyone, making a green tea cleansing mask a great pick for one and all. Let's take a quick tour of the benefits of this ingredient.

Benefits for the skin: "Its multitude of benefits include fighting off dullness, fighting signs of ageing by keeping skin collagen intact (i.e. soft, supple, bouncy skin stays for longer), acting on subduing active acne, helps fade scars, control oil and has anti-inflammatory properties that help soothe irritated or inflamed skin," says Devarkar.

Green tea is usually seen in serums that help to soothe, hydrate, nourish and replenish the skin. Besides hydration, it also cares for oily and acne-prone skin by calming the skin and healing the redness and irritation triggered by acne. Scroll down to explore everything about the green tea cleansing masks.

Benefits of green tea cleansing mask: We all love our clay-based face masks and green tea serums because of the way they care for and repair our skin. How about fusing the two of them to reap the benefits of a powerful skin-bettering duo. Elaborating on the benefits of a green tea cleansing mask, Devarkar says, "Clay is a great absorbent – it helps purge your skin of excess oil, deep cleanse your pores and fight off or act on certain types of acne.

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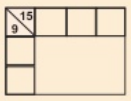

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

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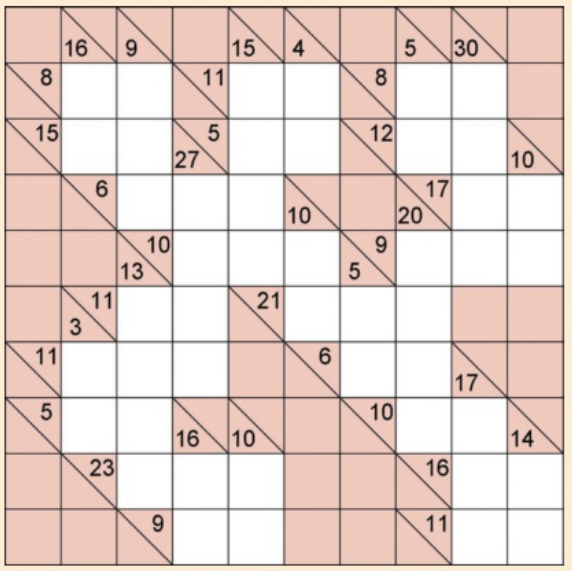

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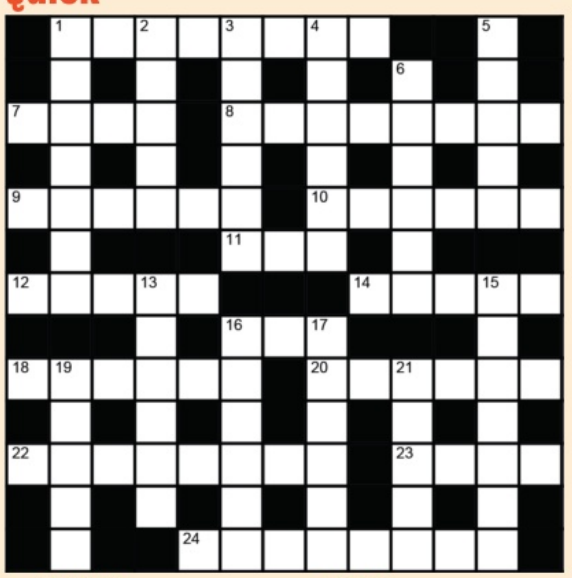


ACROSS

1 Field gun (8)
7 Disturbance (4)
8 Suddenly rise (8)
9 Failed to catch or meet (6)
10 Taking food (6)
11 Use a needle (3)
12 Quality of compassion (5)
14 Gandhian Vinoba ___ (5)
16 Parties (3)
18 Summerhouse (6)
20 Wild cats of Indian jungles (6)
22 Boss on the film set (8)
23 Inspired wonder (4)
24 Genial (8)

DOWN

1 Direct telephone link (7)
2 Bangalore is divided into 198 ____ (5)
3 Tendencies (6)
4 Abstain from (6)
5 Russia's Vladimir ___ (5)
6 Hold firmly (6)
13 Masticated (6)
15 Music-hall medley (7)
16 Medical practitioner (6)
17 Deprive of food (6)
19 Arabian gazelle (5)
21 Secreting organ in animals (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: U EQUALS H

UQ YUA PKAYL YUQK UQ VZK XOSUF ZKC YUQK UQ VZKKAF, YOBB TQ HOVFADOANL.

Linemaro

They say there's someone for everyone, and I think I have spotted my match

Mindchow

It's easier to apologise than ask for permission

Joke of the day

Kid: Dad, can we go to McDonald today. Dad: Yes, but only when you spell McDonald correctly.
Kid: OK, forget it, Dad. Let's go to KFC.

Loop

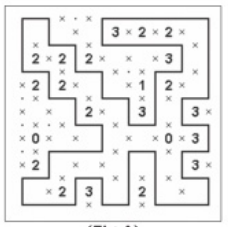
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

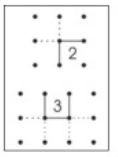
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

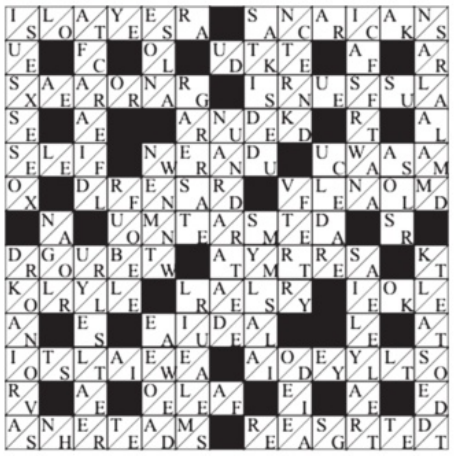


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

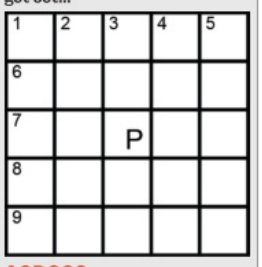
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Shams; 6 Oh LOL;
7 Puree; 8 There;
9 Pshaw

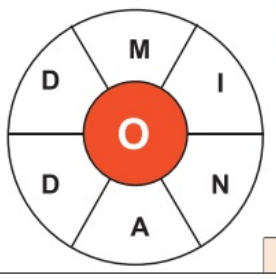
DOWN

1 Hews R; 2 To hum;
3 Ah pal; 4 Peels;
5 Horse

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

9								6
	3		5		9		1	
	5	4		7		8	3	
1			4		6			7
	4						8	
8			1		3			5
	8	6		9		1	4	
	1		6		2		7	
5								2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10
2 3 4 7

Medium = 1
1 2 3 3

Hard = 5
1 7 8 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

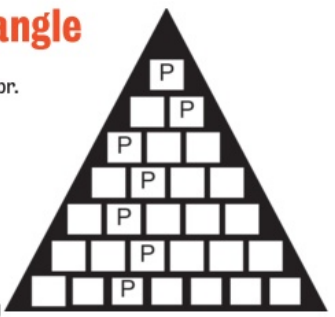
Differences: 1. Sign is larger. **2.** Thumb is moved. **3.** Boy is moved. **4.** Tree is moved. **5.** Pocket is added. **6.** Mouth is different.

Riddler

David Van Gogh (pronounced "Go") had many relatives. Can you guess by the clues who they are? Example: His dizzy Aunt? How many other relatives can you guess; A fruit loving cousin? The Grandfather from Yugoslavia? The cousin from Illinois? His Mexican cousin? His Great Grandfather who drove a stage coach? The ballroom dancing aunt? The bird lover Uncle? A sister who loved disco? And his niece who travels the country in a van?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number 15
2 Extended play, abbr.
3 Soup ingredient
4 Imitated
5 Digging tool
6 Weakened
7 Adds on



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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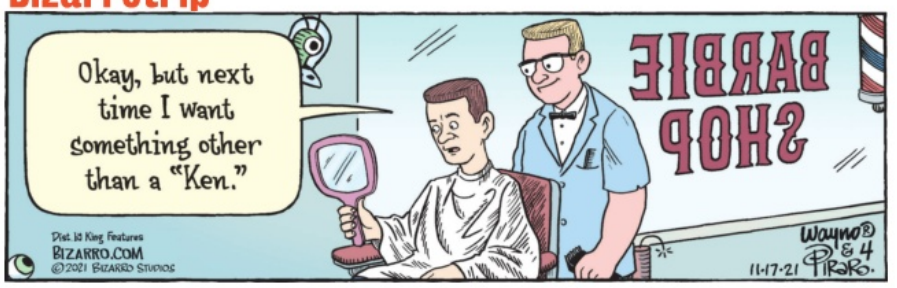

Diamond Lil

BACK AT THE TURKEY FARM:
EXCUSE ME, BUT IS THIS WHERE THE HATHA YOGA CLASS MEETS?
CHOP
I WANT MY DEPOSIT BACK!
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Hart of the city

HEY, HEART, WELCOME TO THE PARTY.
THANKS AGAIN FOR THE INVITE.
YEAH, WELL, IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY UNDERSTUDY FOR FUTURE PLAYS, I THOUGHT I SHOULD BE NICER.
A POORLY VEILED INSULT. GREAT START.
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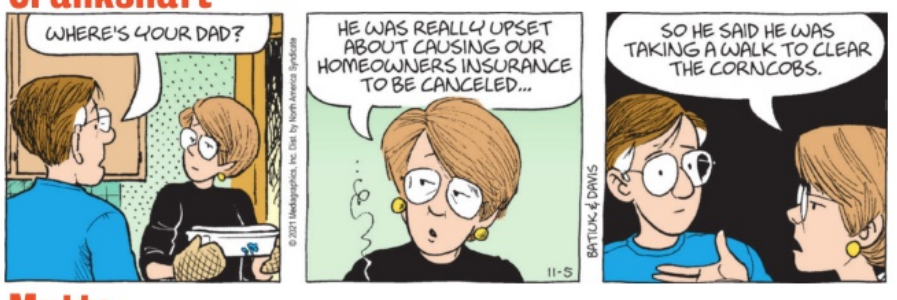
Crankshaft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HE WAS REALLY UPSET ABOUT CAUSING OUR HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE TO BE CANCELED...
SO HE SAID HE WAS TAKING A WALK TO CLEAR THE CORNCOBS.
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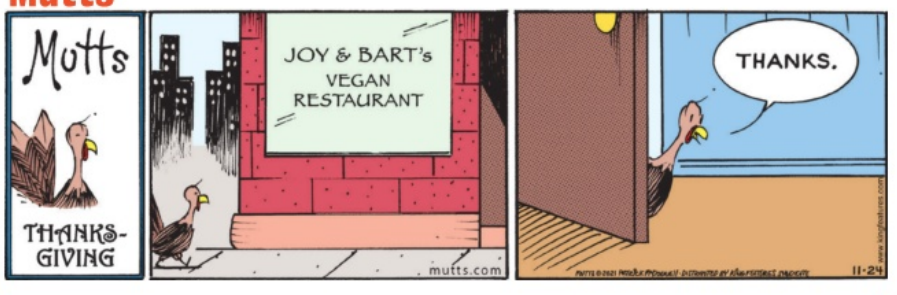
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may plan for a change in place; it is advised to postpone decisions related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investment in business. By late evening, situation may be under control. With the help of good advice from one of the elders, you may control a messy situation.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may expect some short business trip. You may also expect to get some rewards for your success in your domain. Your respect around you may be increased. You may hear some good news from siblings. Job seekers who are seeking a management job may get success. Singles are likely to get engaged.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is a good day. You will be blessed by Jupiter; your wisdom may help you to come out from a difficult situation. You may also help the needy; you may also give your opinion to your family or friends which may increase your prestige among them. You may have some differences of opinions with your spouse which may affect your domestic life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be a victim of mood swings. You may feel dull; your health may not be okay. It may affect your day-to-day routine. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tour. Today you may also spend on worthless things which may affect your financial health.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may have detachment towards responsibilities you have been given. You will also spend more in purchasing worthless stuff which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, blessings from elders' may make you happy; your investments may give you profits. Losses will be converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest for kid's future also. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose may be resolved now.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you will be blessed by the elders. Your patience will improve; your focus towards your work may be very good. Parent's health will now improve. You are likely to spend your time with elders. You may also meet some influential person who may help you on the professional front. You may also enjoy your romantic moments which may increase harmony in domestic life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be spiritual; you may help needy people around you. You will also plan to donate some amount to charity or religious place. Your good karma may help you get success in your difficult projects. You may feel some divine power around you which may help you in unpredictable situations. You may be attracted by occult. Students are likely to enjoy study in depth.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel dull; you may be victim of hidden fear\ which may make you scared. You are not in the situation to trust on any one. You're advised to do meditation, chant some prayer, which may help you to come out from this hypothetical situation. With the help of elder's blessings around late evening, you may come out from this messy situation.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be happy. You may spread happiness around you, you may feel harmony in the domestic life, you may enjoy some romantic moments the spouse. your family may support you take some important decisions in the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in business or work.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, a positive moon may make you happy. You may use your patience at every stage. Your performance may be good in the job, you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues of family members will be resolved now. Job-seekers are likely to get a suitable job in their domain. Lovebirds may enjoy their dating.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised to do not expect more from anyone around you, it may make you disappointed. Today you may have self-exploration and self-analysis, which may allow filtering yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confidence and be able to accept challenges.

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BULL'S EYE DIAMOND, domain, moan, nomad

FAST FIVE

S	M	A	S	H
H	O	L	L	O
R	U	P	E	E
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SOLVE IN 1M 5+5+5 =15

STRIKE OUT

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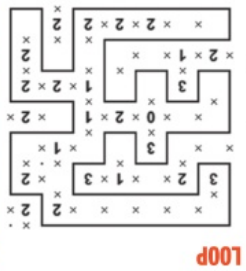
MENSA PUZZLE
22. In each circle, the lower number equals the product of the top two numbers, subtracting 3 for the left hand circle, 4 for the middle, and 5 for the right hand circle.

QUOTE UNCODE
He who knows when he can fight and when he cannot, will be victorious.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, EP, Pea, Aped, Spade, Sapped, Appends.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 − 3 + 4 + 7 = 10
3 + 2 − 3 − 1 = 1
Medium
5 + 7 + 1 − 8 = 5
Hard

LOOP



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 # Can't pass without a pass
US actor John Malkovich was turned away from a luxury hotel in Venice last week after failing to present a valid Covid vaccination pass Italian news media reported Wednesday

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Vijay Sethupathi to Nayanthara, check out the most-anticipated Bollywood debut of South celebs

SRK is back on Insta

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan is back on Instagram after a gap of almost four months since his son Aryan Khan was arrested in a drug-related case. He dropped a commercial post featuring himself with his wife Gauri Khan which read, "Very few times you associate with a product that has such a harmony of art and technology."

The ad video begins with SRK driving a swanky car to a bungalow where he makes himself comfortable with all the available amenities, including a couch, a rollable television and so on. It's when Gauri Khan joins in and the couple enjoys watching TV on the couch.

Within three hours, the post has acquired over 9 lakh views with fans rejoicing to see King Khan back to social media. A fan took to the comment section and wrote, "The king is back, finally". "Very happy to see your post. I love you" added another while someone else said, "Good to see SRK's post after so long... Love SRK always." Aryan was arrested on October 3 by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) after they raided an alleged rave party on a Goa-bound luxury cruise in Mumbai. After an initial NCB custody, the star son was lodged in Arthur Road jail. He was granted bail by the Bombay High Court.

While granting him bail on October 28, the HC had imposed a condition on him that he should appear before the Narcotics Control Bureau's South Mumbai office every Friday to mark his presence. Later, the Bombay High Court exempted Aryan Khan from his weekly appearance before the NCB's office. A single bench of Justice N W Sambre said the condition imposed on Aryan while granting him bail that he has to appear before the NCB office every Friday is modified.

The melting pot of B-Town

Bollywood has become a melting pot with the boundaries merging and content preceding the language barriers. As new faces in the industry are making a buzz, it's also the South superstars who are here to take over with their impeccable performances. This year too several interesting projects starring your favourite stars are lined up.

Nayanthara

Lady superstar Nayanthara is all set to carve her place in Bollywood. The actress will make her Hindi film debut with none other than Shah Rukh Khan in Atlee's next. The convergence of the three makes it one of the most-anticipated projects of the year.

Jr NTR

Jr NTR has been creating a buzz in the Hindi belt ever since he was roped in for SS Rajamouli's magnum opus 'RRR'. Starring Alia Bhatt, Ram Charan and Ajay Devgn, the film will be released in multiple languages, including Hindi, Telugu, Malayalam.

Raashii Khanna

Raashii Khanna is set to impress Bollywood with 'Yodha' co-starring Sidharth Malhotra and Disha Patani. Alongside this, she is also a part of Shahid Kapoor's OTT debut that will reportedly be a Raj and DK project.

Vijay Sethupathi

After donning several hats as an actor, writer, producer and even lyricist, superstar Vijay Sethupathi will be joining hands with Vikrant Massey, Sanjay Mishra, Ranvir Shorey, Sachin Khedekar, Tanya Maniktala and others, for the upcoming 'Mumbaikar'. The film is the Hindi remake of 2017 Lokesh Kanagaraj's 'Maanagaram'.

Rahman

Actor Rahman will make his Bollywood debut in Tiger Shroff next 'Ganapath'. Helmed by director Vikas Bahl, the action film will star Rahman in its two parts in a prominent role co-starring Kriti Sanon.

Shalini Pandey

South beauty Shalini Pandey who became an overnight sensation after 'Arjun Reddy', will now cast a spell on the Hindi audience alongside Ranveer Singh in the upcoming 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar'. The film is being directed by Divyang Thakkar.

Bradley opens up about shooting his first full-frontal nude scenes

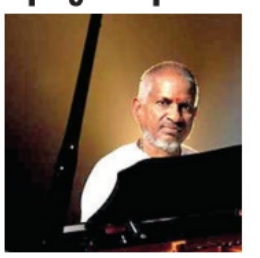
Hollywood star Bradley Cooper confessed that it was "pretty heavy" filming full-frontal nude scenes in his new movie 'Nightmare Alley' by acclaimed filmmaker Guillermo del Toro.

The 47-year-old actor stars in the film as an ambitious carnival worker and explained how he had to get his kit off on camera in an intimate scene with Toni Collette's character in a bathtub. Cooper told 'The Business', "I remember reading in the script and thinking, he's a pickled punk in that bathtub and it's to story. You have to do it. I can still remember that day just to be naked in front of the crew for six hours, and it was Toni Collette's first day. It was just like, 'Whoa'. It was pretty heavy." The Hollywood star had no qualms about appearing in the nude during the making of the movie as he felt it was "demanded" to make the project a success.

The 'A Star Is Born' actor said: "The content of what the movie is, what we were exploring, in order to do it in a real way, it demanded that we'd be naked emotionally and soulfully." Bradley also explained the process of delving deep to give the best possible performance in the flick.

Ilaiyaraaja song to play in space

Another feather in music maestro Ilaiyaraaja's hat. As per the latest reports, Ilaiyaraaja's song will be aired in space soon. One of the world's smallest satellites is set to be launched with the help of NASA, and a batch from Tamil Nadu has been associated with the invention. As per the reports, the light-weighted satellite is built to play a song of Ilaiyaraaja in space. The NASA team has reportedly got approval from Ilaiyaraaja for playing his song in space as he holds the copyright for all his songs.



But the details about the song are not revealed, and let's wait for the composer or the team to confirm it. Ilaiyaraaja, who started his cinema journey as a composer with the 1970 Tamil film 'Annakili', has scored music for over 1000 movies, and he has been an inspiration for many.